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AN OPEN LETTER TO MISSOURI CLUB WOMEN, JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

This is to inform the clubs that the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs will convene in Lexington, Mo., May 28 to 30, 1914, instead of Jefferson City, Mo., June 1 and 2, 1914. As the Grand Court of H. of J. will convene in Lexington the same week and a large delegation of women will be present, it has been decided to hold the Federation at this place in order to give the women an opportunity to attend both meetings for one railroad fare, etc.

It is hoped to have the largest delegation and the best meeting we have ever had.

We are urging every club in the state to send a delegate. Each club should assist to make the Federation a success. A few of us can not do the work. We need the co-operation of all the clubs.

The representation fee is five cents per capita and a delegate for every ten members.

We extend a cordial invitation to all clubs to join that are not members. Any organization desiring to join shall make application to the corresponding secretary. If impossible to send delegate, represent by letter.

We are to have an art exhibition displaying the handwork of our women. Bring or send your work. Let us all join hands to make this meeting a success.

Friends are always welcome.

Let us all work for a state wide federation. Let our slogan be "On to Lexington, Mo., May 28 and 30, 1914."

Mrs. Ida A. Walker, President of Missouri Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

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Everyone is welcome to the Home. The Masonic family have a home that attracts the attention of all who pass the premises. We are persuaded to believe that half of the members of the Masonic family do not know the value of their holdings in the Masonic Home. Corinthian Lodge No. 16, through District Deputy A. R. Rohon, presented the Home a sixty-pound pig last week. Last fall we got in touch with Brother Chas. P. Covington of Louisiana, for some fruit trees and shrubbery from the famous Stark Bros. Nursery. Brother Covington wrote us that he thought by spring he could be the means of us getting what we wanted. Several weeks ago we received notice that a 870-pound box was at the freight office for the Masonic Home. We found in the box about two hundred peach and apple trees besides grape, raspberry, asparagus, rhubarb and ornamental shrubbery. We doff our hat to Brother Covington for the interest in behalf of the home. We have a Pelham's dam, why not a Covington orchard? The Relief Board at its last session ordered considerable improvement to be made at the Home. Every dollar spent on improvement only adds to the value of the place. The Matron and Superintendent are always glad to have the Grand Master and his hustling Cabinet with them. We hope this will be the banner year in regard to the Masonic Home. We were informed that a pig is forthcoming from Kansas City, also from Canton and LaGrange. W. H. DIXON, Supt.

PALMYRA, MO.

Mr. Taylor Nolan, who has been ill for some time, is able to resume his work. Mrs. K. A. Smiley and daughter Alice Lavina, have returned from Weir, Kansas, where they attended the Smiley-Younger wedding. Nelson C. Crews, Grand Master of Masons, Geo. W. K. Love, Grand Secretary, visited Mt. Hope Lodge No. 19 Wednesday. Mrs. Nannie Porter entertained the Star Mission Circle of Park Chapel Baptist church. The Willing Workers of Bethel A. M. E. church, met with Mrs. R. B. Smith. Mr. Geo. Smith will leave Monday night for Chicago to visit his children. Mrs. Maria Howard is on the sick list at this writing. The Calendar Club of Bethel A. M. E. church will give an entertainment Friday evening. May 23, Marion Court No. 30 will hold their installation of officers. Mrs. Lucille Allen left for Chicago Friday. The closing exercises of Lincoln School will be at Park Chapel Baptist church May 29.

SMILEY-YOUNGER WEDDING.

The marriage of Miss Della M. Smiley to Prof. C. Milton Yeager took place Sunday, May 3rd at 7:00 p. m. at the residence of Prof. and Mrs. W. F. King at Weir, Kansas. The beautiful and very impressive ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. A. Broadnax, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, Pittsburg, Kansas. The rooms were beautifully decorated in pink and white wedding bells and flowers. About 40 intimate friends of the bride and groom witnessed the ceremony. The bride was attired in a lovely white crepe de chine and wore a wedding veil and carried white and pink bride's roses. Just before the ceremony Miss Viola Johnson of the Barker School, sang "Mine." Miss Alice Smiley, sister of the bride, played the wedding march. The bride was born in Palmyra and has been a popular and successful teacher in the Missouri and Kansas schools. For the past three years she has taught in the Weir City School. She is also an accomplished musician and has an affable

disposition and a sunny smile for everyone. The groom is to be congratulated in securing such an accomplished young lady for a wife. The groom is a graduate of Western University and holds a life certificate from the Pittsburg Normal. He is well known and has been the principal of the Baxter Springs Colored School for the past four years. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents. The groom gave his bride a 1400 piano as her wedding present. Prof. and Mrs. Yeager will reside this summer at the residence of Prof. and Mrs. King, who will be away on their vacation, after which they will live at Baxter.

MOBERLY, MO.

First Annual Chautauqua of the A. M. E. church started May 4 and continued to Saturday night, the 18th. Thursday night's program was rendered by home talent, which consisted of choruses, solos, and instrumental music. Friday night was to have been devoted to an address by Rev. J. Sterling Moore of Huntsville, but on account of illness he could not be present. Saturday night was the best of all the nights. The Yates String Band with the assistance of some of the very best talent of Moberly, gave one of the grandest recitals that it has been ours to hear for some time. The singing and playing by the company from Yates brought long and loud applause and the people of Moberly will welcome this company back at any time. The graduating class of Western Baptist College rendered a splendid program at Pilgrim Rest Baptist church on last Friday night to a packed house. Rev. J. K. Ponder spent Sunday in Hardin helping Rev. S. E. Boone. Rev. Spencer Robinson filled the pulpit at Grand Chapel all day in the absence of Rev. Ponder. Services were good. Rev. Robinson came to the city on last Saturday to be with the musical company from Yates, in which he took an active part. He had been carrying on a revival at Hardin for the last two weeks with much success, and will go to Lexington Junction this week. Hon. Nelson C. Crews, Grand Master of Masons and Mr. Geo. W. K. Love, Grand Secretary of the same, were in our city Saturday. These two grand officers visited Western Star Lodge No. 34, A. F. & A. M. The interest and inspiration received from their visit will not be forgotten soon. The Grand Master left the city feeling assured that the Grand Lodge would be properly cared for under the leadership of Worshipful Master D. P. Timony. Rev. F. D. Avant closed the revival at his church last Sunday with a rousing meeting all day. He and members are elated over the service rendered by Sister Clark. Lincoln School will close on the 22nd the closing exercises will be held at Grant Chapel. There will be only one graduating this year, Mr. Joseph Beverly. The Ecclesiastical Alliance had a good meeting last Tuesday morning. W. E. Boone led the Sunday School lesson and Rev. J. A. Hurley delivered a lecture on Moral Philosophy. Rev. J. E. Swancy will deliver a lecture on next Tuesday morning. Mr. Geo. Bloomfield of St. Louis, Grand High Priest of Missouri, was in the city Tuesday on his annual visit to Star of Hope Chapter No. 9. He visited Huntsville Chapter Wednesday night. Mr. Chas. Black died last Sunday in Huntsville, and was buried Tuesday. He was a brother of Mr. A. C. Black of this city. Mr. Simon Harvey has been very sick at his home near Bonanza, but is somewhat better at this writing. The Joint Session of the U. B. S. and the S. M. T. held at Pacy's Hall Monday night made arrangements for their annual Thanksgiving sermon on the third Sunday in June. Rev. W. B. Coleman was selected to preach the sermon.

ROSEDALE, KANSAS.

Mrs. Joseph Collins and little daughter Kathryn May, and Mrs. Henry Thornton and little daughter Cozetta, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Everett and Mrs. Edward Everett Sunday in Quindaro, Kansas. Mrs. Martha Abernathy, the wife of Mr. Frank Abernathy, a resident of this city for about 30 years, died at her home on College street Wednesday. Besides her husband she is survived by a son, William. Communion services will be held at the Pleasant Valley Baptist church, Sunday afternoon.

BONNER SPRINGS, KANSAS.

The annual sermon of the U. B. F. & S. M. T. will be preached by Rev. J. King at the A. M. E. church, Sunday, May 23rd, at 3:30 o'clock. Mr. R. P. Brown of Morris, Kansas, was in Bonner Springs visiting his sister, Mrs. A. Grear. Mr. Thomas Coxton was in Kansas City Friday to see his sick brother, Norborn Coxton, and said that Norborn is doing nicely. Mrs. Sarah Wheeler, 82 years, departed from this life Tuesday, May 12. She was only ill a week. Burial will be in Butler, Mo. The funeral was held May 17, the Rev. J. M. Gilbert officiating.

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EDUCATIONAL RALLY.

In the Educational Rally held at Allen Chapel last Sunday for the benefit of Ward Hall at Western University, the following persons contributed as follows:

The following persons gave one dollar each: Thos. Scott, Rev. Wm. H. Thomas, Alfred Perry, G. W. Johnson, B. W. Walker, C. H. Calloway, Mr. Taylor, Theo. Clay, Jefferson Browne, Jerry Graves, Ida Gaines, E. T. Landor, Dr. T. C. Unthank, R. T. Colby, A. M. Wilson, Verna Rice, Mayne Payne, W. W. Godwin, W. W. Young, Thos. Flood, Mrs. Fairfax, S. H. P. Edwards, J. T. Holland, Frederick Gilmore, Mrs. F. G. Gilmore, L. B. Thomas, Wm. H. Dawley, Jr., S. H. Wallace, P. Strainer, Jas. Collins, Jno. Cross, Ella Day Daniels, Eugene Edw. Vaughan, Florida Hutchinson, Joe E. Herriford, Minnie Robinson, Leonard H. Johnson, Geo. W. Peeters, L. R. Lamar, E. Edwards, Mrs. A. Sexton, Benj. Thomas, Sandy Mack, W. C. Hueston, R. W. Foster, G. W. Rushing, L. T. Jones, R. C. Hollands, Friend, N. C. Crews, Z. H. Walls, Ed. S. Lewis, Robt. Sneed, Naomi E. Twyan, Jas. Baker, Jas. H. Crews.

The following persons gave fifty cents each: Carrie Welch, Andrew Keith, Matilda Washington, Friend, Mrs. S. C. Jones, Alice Grady, Hattie Hines, Maggie Clay, S. Jackson, Friend, Jas. A. Simpson, Miss Coursey, Mr. Al Sullivan, Miss Thornton, Miss Hackley, Miss Cora Ramey, J. S. Quarrels, Mrs. T. B. Watkins, Mrs. A. J. Grear, Mrs. America Robinson, Mrs. Virginia Walls, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Anna Jeans, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Cran, Miss Beulah Douglas, Mrs. Julia Houston, Miss Grace McFadden, Mr. Geo. Lyons, Dr. M. B. Jones, P. W. Whitworth, Friend, B. F. Wilson.

The following persons gave twenty five cents each: Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Ada Greer, Mrs. Alice Kimbrough, Jas. Johnson, Chas. Dennis, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Bass, Friend, Friend, Friend, Mrs. Marshall, Friend, Mrs. Bennett, A. H. Scott, Friend, Amanda Thomas, Mrs. L. A. McCampbell, Jno. T. Robinson, Mary Grant, B. F. Brances, Scottie Dickey, Fannie Williams, J. W. Calloway.

Miscellaneous \$32.00
Total for Ward Hall \$110.00

BETHEL CHAPEL.

Sunday was a great day for Bethel. It was the day set for Bethel's first Rally. The Church was divided into two Clubs—known as the United States and Mexico. Rev. F. D. Wells, Bethel's beloved Pastor, headed the Mexican forces. His Ministers were—Bros. H. Williams, J. W. Hart, H. T. Armour, S. Myers, and James Tiller. Mrs. M. J. Rogers as Gen. Villa, Mrs. F. D. Wells—as Commander in Chief of the Rebel forces. Mexico camped near the borders Saturday all day—with M. J. Rogers, Hattie Davis, Sarah Thistle, Lula Hart, and Emma Rogers serving Hard Tack.

The United States forces were led by Rev. A. Phillips. His Cabinet was composed of Bros. J. Wright, Samuel Sutton, Sergeant Crowford, H. Rogers, George Simmons, and Dr. T. A. Jones. The United States Ships sailed into Vera Cruz Thursday, and held fort all day. Mrs. Phillips and Daughter, Mrs. Maggie Simmons, Mrs. Sergeant Crowford—Serving both United States and Mexico Volunteers, every one getting ready, for the final battle Sunday.

Sunday dawned beautiful, and fair; and ground both sides in fine shape, waiting for orders to fire. A more beautiful sight was never seen—with Old Glory floating to the breeze, Captain and Mrs. Myers bearing the Mexican flag, Mother Brown, Mrs. Willie Williams, Mrs. Elmore Turner, and Mrs. Ella Patterson as Red Cross Nurses. Both forces were well prepared, Physically and Financially. The battle was a hard one, as this newly Organized Church, has less than a hundred members.

Mexico routed the United States, and came out ahead—with \$200.02 (Two Hundred Dollars) to the credit of his Noble Army. The United States brought in \$187.96 to the credit of his forces, making a total of \$387.98. Rev. Jones of Quindaro preached for us Sunday afternoon, and Rev. Ross at night. Mrs. Aoss, also assisted Mrs. Wells in rallying her Army. HARRISON WILLIAMS, Clerk.

MASONIC.

The midnight services held by the higher degrees of masonry over the remains of deceased devotees are very impressive and proper, no doubt; but it does appear improper that the sorrowing family should be dragged out to such services at such hours, especially as the funeral services are to be held up on the following day to further tax the exhausted energies of the grief stricken ones. This looks somewhat like a too severe endurance test and it ought to be discontinued. There is no reason for the presence of the family at these services and they should be urged to stay at home. There is too much paganism about our funerals, too much morbidity and senseless demonstration.

Prominent and well-known persons should of course lie in state for a period prior to burial and those who desire to look upon them should be given an opportunity, but the masons should take a positive stand against the public exposure of the deceased at the time of the funeral and especially the barbarous practice of holding up the mourning family for a public demonstration of their suffering. These things are horrible and do not belong to a period of progressive and enlightenment.

Let us not delay the day of our emancipation from morbid customs and superstitions, but let us hasten that sensible advancement through which only we may hope for thing that are highest and best.

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